Ekinops SD-WAN Xpress certified to join Microsoft 365 Networking Partner Program

Paris, 20 June, 2022 – Ekinops (Euronext Paris - FR0011466069 – EKI), a leading network access and virtualization specialist, today announced that Ekinops SD-WAN Xpress has successfully passed the certification tests to join the Microsoft 365 Networking Partner Program (NPP). Enterprise users of SD-WAN Xpress will now benefit from an improved network Quality of Experience that enhances their connectivity to Microsoft 365 applications.

"Empowering our customers' digital transformation is at the core of what we do," says **Sylvain Quartier, Vice President of Marketing and Product Strategy for Access at Ekinops**. "Deepening our partnership with Microsoft means we are enabling customers and users to achieve optimal connectivity to Microsoft 365 locally and directly."

Ekinops' simple SD-WAN solution, SD-WAN Xpress, a proven, simple to deploy, true multi-tier, multi-tenant, one-box solution, is available on any OneOS6-enabled hardware platform. Leveraging OneOS6, Ekinops' user-friendly modular software solution, customers can access built-in services that can be activated remotely and on demand, improving network automation and programmability.

With Ekinops SD-WAN Xpress, Enterprise IT teams can easily identify which applications are used to develop network management policies that improve the user experience without compromising security. This includes unintrusive and secure Microsoft 365 (and other Microsoft services) traffic analysis to unlock an optimized Quality of Service for enterprises.

"We're thrilled to welcome Ekinops into the Networking Partner Program for Microsoft 365," said **Scott Schnoll, Senior Product Marketing Manager at Microsoft**. "Ekinops is a valued partner that is focused on helping Microsoft 365 customers implement the Microsoft 365 network connectivity principles. Microsoft only recommends Networking Partner Program member solutions for connectivity to Microsoft 365."

NPP validation adds to the growing collaboration between the two companies, including the recent [Microsoft Teams certification](#) for Ekinops SBC (session border controller) solutions.

To learn more about Ekinops' partnership with Microsoft or its SD-WAN solutions, check out the solution brief here: https://www.ekinops.com/products-services/products/compose/sd-wan/sd-wan-xpress.

Learn more about the Microsoft NPP:
https://cloudpartners.transform.microsoft.com/m365networkingpartners

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Ekinops is a leading provider of open, trusted and innovative network connectivity solutions to service providers around the world. Our programmable and highly scalable solutions enable the fast, flexible, and cost-effective deployment of new services for both high-speed, high-capacity optical transport as well as virtualization-enabled managed enterprise services.

Our product portfolio consists of three highly complementary product and service sets: EKINOPS360, OneAccess and Compose.

- EKINOPS360 provides optical transport solutions for metro, regional and long-distance networks with WDM for high-capacity point-to-point, ring, and optical mesh architectures, and OTN for improved bandwidth utilization and efficient multi-service aggregation.
- OneAccess offers a wide choice of physical and virtualized deployment options for Layer 2 and Layer 3 access network functions.
- Compose supports service providers in making their networks software-defined with a variety of software management tools and services, including the scalable SD-WAN Xpress and SixSq Edge-to-Cloud solutions.

As service providers embrace SDN and NFV deployment models, Ekinops enables future-proofed deployment today, enabling operators to seamlessly migrate to an open, virtualized delivery model at a time of their choosing.

A global organization, Ekinops (EKI) - a public company traded on the Euronext Paris exchange operates on four continents.

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